(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DASS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) On the basis of essentiality certified by the competent authority, *vid.* the State Drug Controller, Haryana, M/s. Jagsonpal Pharmaceuticals Ltd , a small scale unit has been granted Import Licence during 1988-89 to the extent of 75 MMU for import of Pencillin—V First Crystal, to meet 6 months requirement.

(c) and (d) Import of Potassium Pencillin V First Crystals can be allowed in case of an unit which cannot use alternate raw-material, namely, Pencillin G. In other cases import of Pencillin-V cannot be permitted in the absence of certain certification that alternate raw-material, namely, Pencillin G cannot be used.

Import of Potassium Pencillin

1033. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the only producer in the small scale sector of 6-APA who has been allowed to import Potassium Pencillin-V imported Potassium Pencillin-G also;

(b) if so, what was the quantity imported 1986 with the details of bills of entry and sources of import and purpose for which this quantity was utilised; and

(c) when this company was given import licence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DASS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) Presumbaly, the Question is with reference to Supplementary Licenses granted to M/s Jagsonpal Pharmaceuticals Ltd on 17.4.1986 and 2.2.1987 for import of Potassium Pencillin G/V. The said unit claims to have imported only Pencillin-V.

Settlement of claims of exporters

1034. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for introducing a fast track for settling exporters' claims;

(b) if so, what are the salient feature of the scheme; and

(c) by when this scheme is expected to be operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) A Simplified Payment Scheme (SPS) currenly provides a fast track for disposal of CCS claims filled by exporters. No other fast track scheme is contemplated.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Assistance to Small Scale Industries by STC and MMTC

@1035. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that STC and MMTC have worked out a package of assistance to help certain small scale industries so as to enable them to come up to export level operations; and

(b) if so, what are the details hereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) STC has formulated schemes to assist the small scale sector in promoting export of their products.

@Previously Unstarred Question 62, transferred from the 27th February, 1989.

The services rendered by STC in this regard include—

(i) Offering of raw materials for export production;

(ii) provision of testing facilities for quality control, product development and designing for leather goods and sports goods;

(iii) Offering financial assistance to supplemet the packing credit;

(iv) Offering financial assistance in terms of secured term loans for increasing export capacity; and

(v) Offering market assistance through foreign offices and through participation in trade fairs and exhibitions in India and abroad.

MMTC has set up a group to study the possibilities and ways in which the Corporation can help small scale sector in promoting export of their products by providing raw materials, marketing abroad, financial assistance etc. MMTC is also having discussion with National Small Industries Development Corporation, with a view to formulating a comprehensive scheme for promoting exports from small scale sector.

Felling of Trees

1036. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been indiscriminate felling of trees in various parts of the country particularly in the Capital;

(b) whether a demonstration was held at the office of the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi against indiscriminate felling of trees during the first week of February, 1989; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to stop indiscriminate felling of trees in the country?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

International Association of seed crushers' Congress held in New Delhi

1037. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the International Association of Seed Crushers held its Congress in New Delhi in November, 1986;

(b) whether it is also a fact that IASC, London has requested the Government of India through Central Organisation for Oil Industry and Trade for the remittance of surplus/unspent amount of about Rs. 13 lakhs in foreign exchange;

(c) if so, what are the main reasons for with holding the amount of the IASC and by when the amount will be repatriated to IASC, London; and

(d) what is the policy of Government in disposing of such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRIO): (a) to (d) The Central Organisation for Oil Industry and Trade hosted the 62nd Congress of the International Association of Seed Crushers at New Delhi from 25th-28th November 1986 without the approval if Reserve Bank as required under the Exchange Control regulations. Subsequently, the organisers requested the Reserve Bank to allow the remittance of profits accrued as a result